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NEWS RELEASE

Port Police Arrest Tour Bus Operator on Drug Charges

Drugs and drug paraphernalia discovered during investigation

Piti, Guam, June 28, 2010: A 43-year-old Mangilao man is facing criminal charges following a drug bust conducted by Port Authority of Guam police officers on Friday afternoon.

According to Port Police Chief Doris C. Aguero, a tour bus operator was returning to the Port to bring back a bus full of passengers from one of the research vessels at about 4 pm Friday, June 25th, when the incident occurred. Aguero said the driver allegedly ran his bus into the overhang of the Port Police building and left the scene of the accident.

Port police officers stopped the driver and boarded the bus to interview the driver. During their investigation and subsequent search of the driver's personal effects, the officers allegedly discovered marijuana, crystal methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, including hypodermic needles.

Officers then arrested 43-year-old Ricky C. Matanane of Mangilao on charges on leaving the scene of an accident, possession of a controlled one substance and possession of a controlled two substance. He was booked and released.

"The Port Authority of Guam is a secured port of entry and, as such, we take these matters very seriously," said Port Police Chief Aguero. "We continue to be vigilant with everyone who enters our facility including port users, our employees and members of the public."

Aguero added as a reminder that the Port Authority of Guam is designated as a "Port of Entry" which means anyone who comes to the facility is subject to search at any time.